

Loan protection,  
etc.

(e) Section 51 of said Act (7 U. S. C. 1025) is amended to read as follows, except insofar as said section affects title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended:

"The Secretary is authorized and empowered to make advances to preserve and protect the security for, or the lien or priority of the lien securing, any loan or other indebtedness owing to or acquired by the Secretary under this Act, the Act of August 14, 1946, the Act of April 6, 1949, the Act of August 28, 1937, or the item 'Loans to Farmers, 1948, Flood Damage' in the Act of June 25, 1948, as those Acts are heretofore or hereafter amended or extended; to bid for and purchase at any foreclosure or other sale or otherwise acquire property pledged, mortgaged, conveyed, attached, or levied upon to secure the payment of any such indebtedness; to accept title to any property so purchased or acquired; to operate for a period not in excess of one year from the date of acquisition, or lease such property for such period as may be deemed necessary to protect the investment therein; and to sell or otherwise dispose of such property in a manner consistent with the provisions of section 43 of this Act."

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60 Stat. 1062.  
7 USC 1001 note.  
63 Stat. 43; 50  
Stat. 881.  
12 USC 1148a-1  
to 1148a-3; 7 USC  
343f, 343g.  
62 Stat. 1038.

7 USC 1017.

## Public Law 522

## CHAPTER 563

July 22, 1954  
[H. R. 7468]

### AN ACT

To amend certain provisions of part II of the Interstate Commerce Act so as to authorize regulation, for purposes of safety and protection of the public, of certain motor-carrier transportation between points in foreign countries, insofar as such transportation takes place within the United States.

Safety regula-  
tions.  
64 Stat. 574.  
49 USC 303(a)  
(11).  
"Foreign com-  
merce."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraph (11) of section 203 (a) of the Interstate Commerce Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "The term 'foreign commerce' also includes transportation between places in a foreign country, or between a place in one foreign country and a place in another foreign country, insofar as such transportation takes place within the United States, but only for purposes of the application, to carriers engaged in such transportation, of the following provisions of this part: Section 215 (which relates to insurance for the protection of the public), section 221 (which relates to designation of an agent for service of process), and those provisions of section 204 which relate to qualifications and maximum hours of service of employees and safety of operation and equipment."

49 USC 315, 321,  
304.

49 Stat. 557.  
49 USC 315.  
Surety bonds,  
etc.

SEC. 2. Section 215 of the Interstate Commerce Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: "The Commission may prescribe, with respect to motor carriers operating within the United States in the course of engaging in transportation between places in a foreign country or between a place in one foreign country and a place in another foreign country, such reasonable regulations concerning security for the protection of the public as the Commission is authorized, by this section, to prescribe for other motor carriers."

49 USC 321(c).

SEC. 3. Subsection (c) of section 221 of the Interstate Commerce Act is amended to read as follows:

Service of proc-  
ess.

"(c) Every motor carrier (including any motor carrier operating within the United States in the course of engaging in transportation between places in a foreign country or between a place in one foreign country and a place in another foreign country) shall also file with the board of each State in which it operates and with the Interstate Commerce Commission a designation in writing of the name and post-office

address of a person in such State upon whom process issued by or under the authority of any court having jurisdiction of the subject matter may be served in any proceeding at law or equity brought against such carrier. Such designation may from time to time be changed by like writing similarly filed. In the event such carrier fails to file such designation, service may be made upon any agent of such motor carrier within such State."

Approved July 22, 1954.

## Public Law 523

## CHAPTER 565

## AN ACT

July 23, 1954  
[H. R. 8247]

To provide for the restoration and maintenance of the United States ship Constitution and to authorize the disposition of the United States ship Constellation, United States ship Hartford, United States ship Olympia, and United States ship Oregon, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to repair, equip, and restore the United States ship Constitution, as far as may be practicable, to her original condition, but not for active service, and thereafter to maintain the United States ship Constitution at Boston, Massachusetts.

Historic ships.  
U.S.S. Constitution.  
Restoration.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized—

(a) to make minimum repairs to the United States ship Constellation so as to enable that vessel to be safely transported, by towing or otherwise, from its present berth to the harbor of Baltimore, Maryland;

U.S.S. Constellation.  
Transfer to  
Baltimore, Md.,  
etc.

(b) to transport, by towing or otherwise, the United States ship Constellation from its present berth to the harbor of Baltimore, Maryland; and

(c) to transfer by gift the United States ship Constellation to the State of Maryland, the city of Baltimore, or to a corporation or association located in Baltimore whose charter or articles of agreement denies it the right to operate for profit, for restoration as a public memorial at Baltimore, Maryland.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized—

(a) to make minimum repairs to the United States ship Hartford so as to enable that vessel to be safely transported, by towing or otherwise, from its present berth to the harbor of Mobile, Alabama;

U.S.S. Hartford.  
Transfer to  
Mobile, Ala., etc.

(b) to transport, by towing or otherwise, the United States ship Hartford, from its present berth to the harbor of Mobile, Alabama; and

(c) to transfer by gift the United States ship Hartford to the State of Alabama, the city of Mobile, or to a corporation or association located in Mobile whose charter or articles of agreement denies it the right to operate for profit, for restoration as a public memorial at Mobile, Alabama.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to make the transfers authorized in subsections 2 (c) and 3 (c) under such terms and conditions as he shall prescribe, such terms and conditions to include but not be limited to the following:

Terms and conditions.

(a) Application for transfer hereunder will not be considered unless received within one year of the enactment of this Act;

(b) Each transferee shall take delivery of the vessel within one year of enactment of this Act;

(c) On failure to take delivery within one year of enactment